GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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EXTRACTION OF GOLD
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) details of gold extracted by various Public Sector Companies during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the Hutti Gold Mines in Karnataka has gone into rough weathers due to the uncertainty caused by foreign companies converting this Gold Zone into hot competition Zone;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal from foreign companies for granting of mining rights to operate in this area; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES(DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) Details of gold extracted by various Public Sector Companies during the last three years is given below:-

State	Name of the Company	Year	Production in Kilograms
Karnataka	Hutti Gold Mines Company Limited	2002-2003	2709.00
		2003-2004	3107.77
		2004-2005	3499.21
Jharkhand	Hindustan Copper Limted	2002-2003	354.00
		2003-2004	195.00
		2004-2005	-

(b) No, Sir.

(c)&(d)Under Section 5(1) of the Mines and Mineral(Development & Regulation) Act, 1957, only an Indian national or a company registered in India can be granted a reconnaissance permit or prospecting licence or mining lease for exploration or mining of minerals. As such, under the existing scheme of the mining legislation, a foreign company is not allowed to undertake reconnaissance/prospecting/mining operations till they get themselves registered in India and obtain a local corporate identity. On the recommendations of the State Governments, approval have been given by the Central Government under Section 5(1) of the MMD&R Act, 1957 for grant of 28 reconnaissance permits in the State of Karnataka in favour of Indian Companies many of which are the subsidiaries formed by foreign companies.